

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/799,929

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

2121

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/30/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-14 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

While Iwama (U.S. Patent No. 6,324,450) discloses a mobile object information recording apparatus comprising a detecting unit for detecting mobile object information on a status of a mobile object, a storing unit for storing the mobile object information detected by the detecting means, an abnormality level on the mobile object in accordance with at least one kind of mobile object information detected by the detecting unit, a data amount setting unit, and storage controlling unit with a predetermined length of time immediately before and after the abnormality. Iwama does not teach a terminal table unit comprising a main body having a surface with a connector connecting to a control device and a terminal table connecting to input and output apparatus; and other limitations related to these features in combination with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention.

And Tabata (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,042) discloses an automatic accident informing apparatus for a two-wheel vehicle includes an accident detecting means for detecting an accident of the vehicle and an accident informing means for informing an external party of the accident. It is judged that the vehicle met with an accident so that unnecessary information recording is avoided. Tabata does not teach a terminal table unit comprising a main body having a surface with a connector connecting to a control device, a terminal table connecting to input and output apparatus, a memory cassette is detachably attached to the main body; and other limitations related to these features in combination with the remaining elements and features of the claimed invention.

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The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, in conjunction with all the other claimed limitations, a terminal table unit including a main body having a surface with a connector connecting to a control device, a terminal table connecting to input and output apparatus, and a memory cassette is detachably attached to the main body, etc., as set forth in the claims.

Also, there is no motivation to combine the Iwama reference with the Tabata reference to meet these limitations. It is for these reasons that applicant's invention defines over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner *Thomas Pham*; whose telephone number is (571) 272-3689, Monday to Thursday from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST or contact Supervisor *Mr. Anthony Knight* at (571) 272-3687.

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